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UNDER FIRE



Smoke from an explosion appears over the Iraqi capital of Baghdad in the first hour of the war led by the United States Thursday.

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U.S., Britain ground troops enter Iraq

BY ROSS SIMPSON
Associated Press

SOUTHERN IRAQ — The U.S. Marines and Army rolled into Iraq and engaged Saddam Hussein's forces in the desert Thursday, joining British troops in launching the war's ground assault.

As U.S. armor drove deeper into Iraq this morning, British troops conducted an assault on the strategic al-Faw peninsula, Iraq's access point to the Persian Gulf and the site of major oil facilities. British military officials said they hoped to seize the key port of Umm Qasr before the day's end.

Through the night and as the sun rose, artillery barrages lit up the sky, and witnesses in northern Kuwait said they could hear thunderous explosions from the Umm Qasr area.

Thursday evening, U.S. forces in northern

Kuwait signaled the start of their advance on Iraq with a thundering artillery barrage over the border. Infantrymen on the move, their weeks of waiting at an end, cheered as shells screamed overhead.

Under the shelter of night and supported by heavy bombing, the armored vehicles of the 1st Marine Division rolled into southern Iraq at around 9 p.m. local time (1 p.m. EST). As they moved through the desert, burning oil wells were visible, spewing black smoke.

The 20,000 Marines met light resistance from Iraqi "rear guard" units. They opened fire with machine guns on an Iraqi T-55 tank and destroyed it with a Javelin, a portable anti-tank missile.

Troops from the Army's 3rd Infantry Division also crossed into Iraq and came into contact with several Iraqi armored personnel carriers, destroying at least three of them, front line troops reported by radio.

There were no reports of U.S. casualties in the engagements. In northern Kuwait, a helicopter crashed Thursday, killing the four American crewmembers and 12 British troops on board.

Thursday evening, elite British troops were dropped by Chinook and Sea Stallion helicopters to seize oil facilities in al-Faw after U.S. Seals prepared the area, according to Britain's Press Association news agency.

By taking southern Iraq, the allies would command access to the Gulf and set the stage for the first major conquest on the way to Baghdad — Basra, Iraq's second largest city, just 20 miles from the Kuwait border.

The move on the area between Basra and the Persian Gulf suggested that the allied strategy on the ground calls for a two-pronged attack — one to clear Iraqi resistance in the southern oil region

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Old foes, new strategy

Objectives of war on Iraq differ from Gulf War

BY SARAH KREBS
Staff Reporter

Even though the war on Iraq has less political and financial support than the Gulf War, qualified TCU faculty say Wednesday evening's initial "decapitation attack" was militarily appropriate and successful.

Jim Weller, associate director for major projects at the Physical Plant, said the sudden strike on Iraq was appropriate because the government had ample opportunity to hit their targets.

Weller, a former battalion executive officer for the 52nd Engineer Battalion in the Gulf War and a retired colonel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said the air strike may or may not have been part of the United States' original plan, but it was well-qualified.

"I think it is a good course of action to cut off the eyes and ears of



Chuck Kennedy/KRT
President Bush sits in the Oval Office of the White House after speaking to the nation about U.S. military action in Iraq Wednesday evening.

the enemy to soften it up for the ground forces to come in," Weller said. "They are chopping off the head of the means of communication for the leaders of the Iraqi army."

However, political science professor Manochehr Dorraj said the ramifications of rushing to war with

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Students abroad feel safe

BY LAUREN HANVEY
Staff Reporter

With war a reality, TCU Study Abroad students are being encouraged to take extra precautions for their safety, Education Abroad Coordinator Tracy Williams said Thursday.

The Study Abroad office has advised students to be aware of what is going on around them and make themselves less noticeable, Williams said.

"We have encouraged our students to ... not wear baseball caps or T-shirts with American icons, not congregate in large groups or at known American hangouts, keep volume of voices lower since Americans are known to be loud," she said.

Lauren Osborne, a sophomore fashion merchandising major, is studying in Florence, Italy and said she thinks the people there look at her differently now that the United States has declared war.

"I don't really feel threatened, but it seems like the people here are not for the war at all and are not happy with America," she said.

Students say they do not think it will be necessary to come back to the United States before their study abroad programs are over.

"I feel that we will be able to stay over here until the end of the semester and it will all be fine," said Lindsey Isbell, a sophomore pre-major, who is also studying in Italy.

Williams said that the Study Abroad office continues to monitor information from the Department of State and there have been no notices for Americans to leave any of the countries in which TCU has students. Williams sent a mass e-mail Tuesday to study abroad students that gave tips on how to avoid being singled out as Americans.

Williams said she was studying abroad in Belgium when the Gulf War in 1991 took place and that she did not feel her safety was threatened then.

Sara Sohmer, instructor of history, taught at TCU's London Centre in the fall and said she does not think London will become unsafe.

"They were very intent on making sure the building (where classes

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Campus body reacts to war with mixed emotions

Fear high for loved ones in armed services

BY LARA HENDRICKSON
Staff Reporter

As President George W. Bush announced the official beginning of war Wednesday evening, student and faculty reactions were a mixture of fear and relief regarding U.S. military action.

Lynn Jones, a sophomore political science major, said the war personally affects her because her brother is a direct participant. Jones said her brother is in the Army and was supposed to be discharged in May, but his position is now being frozen and her family is not sure when he will be released.

"My brother is currently stationed in South Korea, but his job is in radar communications and it is imperative that they have people to detect any retaliation from Iraq early," Jones said.

Jones said her brother was just accepted to TCU for the fall. Now her family is not sure he will be in the United States, much less at the university, she said. Jones said Bush is making a boldly negative statement in his declaration of war.

"I think that Bush is risking our safety and our relationship with other countries who do not see the need for our invasion of Iraq," she said.

Political science professor Manochehr Dorraj said the Bush administration is betting its political fortune as the war progresses. Dorraj said we were the victims in the eyes of other countries after Sept. 11, but now Saddam Hussein is seen as the victim.

"There have been about 10 mil-



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lion people in an anti-war march, and this is the largest anti-war protest from the Europeans," Dorraj said. "The Europeans aren't happy with Bush's diplomacy. The U.N. is not happy with Bush's diplomacy violation of international law."

Dorraj said the best way for the war to unfold will be a quick victory, eliminating Hussein and letting the Iraqi people choose their own government.

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TCU security expands

BY BILL MORRISON
Staff Reporter

With the announcement of war and the heightened national security level, the university is prepared to handle any situation that may arise, said J.C. Williams, TCU assistant chief of police.

Williams said the police have done a lot of training since Sept. 11, 2001, to prepare for a terrorist attack. In addition to officers receiving increased training, Williams said, they have been working closely with other areas of campus to ensure university safety.

"We're trying to include as many staff and other persons that are part of the TCU community in preparing for heightened security that we may have to go to," Williams said. Williams said they are working

closely with the Fort Worth Police Department and are linked to networks with both the FBI and law enforcement agencies across Texas. He said they have had experience working with biohazard units in the past and that they have procedures in place to handle a biological attack.

"We have a liaison established with the FWPDP intelligence unit, receive updates from the FBI's Infoguard network and have discussions on a day-to-day basis with the Texas Association of Law Enforcement Administrators."

— J.C. Williams
TCU assistant chief of police

Infoguard network and have discussions on a day-to-day basis with the Texas Association of Law Enforcement Administrators about important issues concerning a terrorism attack," Williams said.

TCU is not alone in making preparations for a possible terrorist attack, said Michael Snellgrove,

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April Saul/Philadelphia Inquirer
Rose McCullough, 21, center, looks on with fellow anti-war protesters as they wait to be arrested at the Market Street entrance to the Federal building in Philadelphia, Pa., Thursday.

The Weather

FRIDAY

High: 63; Low: 40; Partly cloudy

SATURDAY

High: 62; Low: 44; Scattered T-storms

SUNDAY

High: 72; Low: 52; Partly cloudy

Looking Back

1943 — The second military conspiracy plan to assassinate Hitler in a week failed to come off.

1963 — Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay closed down and transferred its last prisoners.

1980 — President Jimmy Carter informed a group of U.S. athletes that, in response to the December 1979 Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, the United States would boycott the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

Watch For

Look to the *Skiff* next week for more information, university reaction and analysis of the war.

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Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **Institute for Civility in Government** presents a Congressional Student Forum, featuring Rep. Kay Granger, from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitor's Center. For more information, call (817) 257-7855.

■ **Pinkbag Lunch Series** presents Sue Macy, Bluebonnet nominee author of "Bulls-Eye: A Photobiography of Annie Oakley," from noon to 1 p.m. today at the Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. For more information and to make reservations, call (817) 257-7855.

■ **Graduate Recital** with pianist Marthinus Botha will be at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

■ **The 11th Annual Aids Walk**, a 3.2-mile walk benefiting the Aids Outreach Center, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Trinity Park Pavilion. For more information, call (817) 335-WALK or visit (www.aoc.org).

■ **Golden Key** will have a meeting about sophomore recognition at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Moudy Building South, Room 280. For more information, contact Christina Stetler.

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IRAQ

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while the other charges north toward Baghdad.

Australian troops were also in Iraq identifying targets for coalition aircraft and monitoring Iraqi troop movements, an Australian defense force spokesman said.

"Things are going very well," said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, in Washington.

Yet conditions were sometimes difficult. The Marines drove through thick, swirling dust storms. Troops detected Iraqi tanks and armored vehicles hidden behind sand berms by the heat they gave off, and U.S. aircraft attacked the positions.

None of the forces apparently encountered chemical or biological weapons. The Marines passed burning oil wells, though it was not known who had set them afire. Flames shot up hundreds of feet, thickening the air with black smoke.

Artillery, mortars and howitzers rumbled for hours in the nearly deserted far north of Kuwait, mixed with bursts of rocket launchers. The explosions rattled tin roofs noisily on their wood frames miles away and shook concrete houses.

The attack came at the end of a day that began with allied troops at the other end of the gun barrel, as Iraq — responding to the American bombardment of Baghdad and other targets — launched missiles into Kuwait, where allied forces were primed to attack.

The Iraqi military claimed in a statement it had repulsed an "enemy" attack at Al-Anbar province, on Iraq's border with Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division's artillery opened fire on Iraq with Paladin self-propelled howitzers and multiple launch rocket systems. More than 100 artillery shells were fired toward southern Iraq in a five-minute barrage. White light glowed in the sky above the cannons, as explosions were heard from Iraq.

REACTIONS

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Junior finance major Wes Bender said Bush's motivations are pure and that he is glad the United States is moving forward in the pursuit of the change of regime in Iraq.

"I have to stand behind the belief that our president is doing the right thing," Bender said. "The fact that he is risking re-election to do this is admirable."

Col. James House, chairman of military science, said while it would be inappropriate for him to second-guess the president, he is very concerned with the situation in Iraq

because of friends stationed there. "This will obviously impact everyone's lives," House said. "It was a tough decision President Bush had to make, but I support it completely."

House also said this will in no way affect the ROTC program. He said no cadets here are available for mobilization, because TCU does not have a reserve unit and more than 90 percent of cadets are on scholarship.

"We spend very little time on the technical and tactical piece of soldiering or combat operations. The majority of material is focused on leadership development," House said.

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SECURITY

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Southern Methodist University chief of police. He said SMU police have taken extra precautions against terrorist attacks since Sept. 11. He said since the threat level was increased Monday, they have increased officer vigilance and presence by setting up a special emergency operation group that would be activated in a campus emergency.

"We have increased scrutiny of suspect and suspicious things, like an abandoned vehicle that could be a bomb," Snellgrove said. "We have a notification system called emergency operation group that will act as command and control of a crises on campus."

Kelli Horst, director of communications, said the university has been working to prepare for a possible emergency for the last few weeks. Horst said the university sent an e-mail out Tuesday outlin-

ing what students can do to prepare for an emergency and that they will be sending a letter to parents.

"Everyone bears a measure of personal responsibility; that is why we are notifying students and parents what they can do to prepare for an emergency," Horst said. "The e-mail has links to sites like (www.ready.gov), which contain information that can be very helpful in the event of an emergency."

The university has also set up 800 numbers that can be activated in case of an emergency. Horst said the ice storm was a good example of what information systems would be utilized in response to a terrorist situation.

"The good news is we have been in contact with the people we need to be with and are ready for an emergency," Horst said. "If there was an emergency we would post information on the Web site, through our information line (817) 257-INFO and contact the news media, like we did during the ice storm."

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said if there was an instance where students must stay on campus, Sodexho has a two-day supply of food and bottled beverages. He said the current fire evacuation plans will be used if a building needs to be vacated, but the university is also looking into adding an alarm system that will warn students if they need to stay indoors.

"On normal day-to-day operation (of food service), we can go two days without anyone feeling discomfort," Fisher said.

Williams said, between the extra training officers have received and joint preparation with other areas of campus, they can appropriately respond to any situation.

"It's impossible to anticipate every possible threat," Williams said. "We are prepared for any situation and can pull together all aspects of the university in an emergency."

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FOES

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a quick strike could hurt the United States in the long run.

In the current war, President George W. Bush has given the United States a "political black eye," Dorraj said.

Though the objectives of the two wars are different, Bush has not handled diplomacy well, he said.

The Gulf War was to rid Kuwait of Saddam Hussein's presence, and this war is to instigate a regime change to eradicate the tyranny of Hussein, Dorraj said.

"This war is primarily the

(United States) and Britain, and the financial cost is on the (United States) alone," he said. "We will bear the cost of the war and the cost of rebuilding Iraq."

Dorraj said former president George Bush built up legitimacy before deploying any troops, which is why he was supported by the United Nations, both militarily and financially. However, President Bush deployed troops and then tried to get others to join the war, Dorraj said.

"This is a diplomatic failure," Dorraj said. "I hope it will be a military success so that the silver lining is getting Saddam out of power."

Weller said this silver lining can be best achieved by taking out the Iraqi leadership as quickly as possi-

ble, forcing the whole regime to crumble and surrender.

Weller said the Iraqi military is totalitarian and, unlike U.S. troops, does not rely on the initiative of individuals and missions.

The U.S. troops are more mission-oriented, soldiers have more latitude to accomplish missions and they can adjust and take advantage of the situations in the war, he said.

"What they are trying to do is a regime change and, even if Saddam stepped down, they have a whole lot of work left to be done," Weller said. "I guess it is going to last longer than 100 hours, which was a phrase used in the last war a lot."

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The Skiff View

SUPPORT

World leaders should take firm stance

It can be argued into the ground whether or not the United States has entered this war for the right reasons.

Is this an ethical war? Is it legal based on international law? Is it primarily meant to free the Iraqi people or to gain control of oil reserves?

No matter what your opinion is, this nation will be at war until Saddam Hussein is overthrown.

The question remains, how much help will the United States receive from other nations? More than 30 nations have publicly pledged their support for U.S. forces, even if many of those aren't lending actual military assistance. Another 15 have allegedly lent their support as well, but they wish to be kept anonymous. Herein lies the problem for the United States.

Plenty of nations are at least lending some degree of support to the war, but most of them are doing so halfheartedly. They want to maintain good relations with President George Bush to further trade and stimulate their nations' economies. But they also want to avoid angering their own people.

In every country but ours, the majority of the public is opposed to war. The leaders of these nations, wishing to stay on Bush's good side, are attempting to tread a shaky line somewhere in between by giving some support without necessarily becoming a staunch ally of the United States.

If nations would lend their full support, this war, its ramifications and the following reconstruction of Iraq would go infinitely smoother. However, this can never be the case in a world where, beneath the surface, everything for world leaders is about money and power.

Prime Minister Tony Blair is Bush's staunchest foreign ally. But now, as a result, his position is in jeopardy in upcoming years. One should be admired for taking a firm stand, whether you agree with him or not, but look where it's getting him now.

QuoteUnquote

Quotes we ran that made you think ... or laugh

"It would have been my hope that diplomacy could have been used."

— **Ralph Carter, professor of political science**

"It's natural for everyone to look at U Conn. But I'm confident that our players will be focused on Michigan State, because they have a very good team."

— **Jeff Mittie, head coach of the women's basketball team, on potentially facing UConn in the second round of the tournament**

"If you're going to be in ranching, you need to know how to do (these things)."

— **Ron Gill, professor and extension livestock specialist for Texas A&M University, on teaching students about bovine artificial insemination**

"I think of shows like 'Are You Hot?' as a different version of football or 'Jeopardy,' for those who fail at brains or athleticism."

— **Jenny Specht**

"To interest students in Frog Camp, we hounded them to death."

— **Carrie Zimmerman, director of the first year experience**

"I feel like if they really couldn't afford to go without this money, they wouldn't have gone. Why do we need to give

them \$600 to pay a bill that's already been paid?"

— **Nick James, chairman of the SGA Elections and Regulations Committee, on compensating graphic design students for costs of attending a national design convention.**

"I truly believe that the graphic design department really needs this money. It is our duty as student government representatives to help out our constituents."

— **Steven Pivach, SGA Chaplain**

"For better or worse, (e-mail) is a fact of life. If you don't have e-mail these days, you're not communicating."

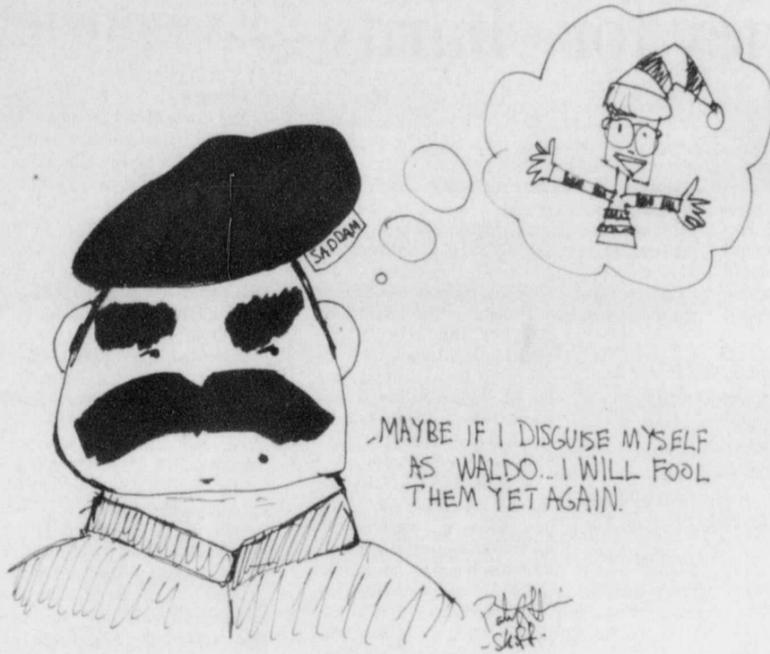
— **Travis Cook, director of business services**

"Archaeology is an adventure. Wandering around the South American forest and getting lost is pretty weird. And there isn't anything like the feeling when you find something."

— **Tom Guderjan, assistant anthropology professor**

"There is no cut and dry solution for dealing with grief. It is a process. It is important to give permission to one another to make the journey in our own way and in our own time."

— **John Butler, minister to the university, on helping others deal with grief**



Flying toward conflict

One journalist's journey to Kuwait in a time of war

There is only one reason to go to Kuwait now and a person's reaction when I tell them I am going there illustrates it.

COMMENTARY

Ronald Paul Larson
They either roll their eyes with a sort of "Oh geez!" kind of expression or shake their head in disbelief. I feel a little self-conscious about telling people, but I must admit, I liked to see how they would react.

In London, my flight into Kuwait was delayed by several hours.

As I sat at the gate, I wondered—who would fly into a country on the eve of a war? In front of me, a Middle-Eastern looking man with short hair and gray eyes talked to a friend about the range of Scud missiles. When he saw me listening to him he began speaking another language.

I couldn't tell what it was. I thought it was either Hebrew or Arabic.

Sitting a few rows away to my left was a young man with short hair. He could be military, I thought.

The ticket agent announced that we could begin boarding the bus to the airplane. When I walked to the counter to hand in my boarding pass, I thought I saw Christiane Amanpour, CNN's chief international correspondent, behind me. I heard her voice

and I knew it was her. I wanted to go back and introduce myself, but I chickened out.

I was the third or fourth person on the bus. Others came on. One man sitting down a few seats away from me asked, "Where's Wolf Blitzer?" The gray-eyed man entered and sat opposite me. "Great," he said. "A busload of journalists." After a few moments, Amanpour got on and the gray-eyed man called at her, "Hey Christiane, if you need a liberal Kuwaiti perspective, interview me." Amanpour acknowledged him and began talking to the people around her.

Our flight into Kuwait was delayed another hour on the runway so I took the opportunity to write Amanpour a note saying how much I respected her. During the stopover in Cyprus she invited me up to meet her.

She asked me what school I wrote for and I told her Cal State Fullerton.

She then asked what unit I was embedded with.

I told her the 416th Engineer Command and then, trying to sound professional, used some military jargon. She pointed out that my readers will not know what I am talking about if I use jargon.

I agreed and, feeling like I had shown my lack of experience, thanked her for her advice. I went back to my seat.

I arrived in Kuwait late Monday night. It was too late to go to the CFLCC PAO (Coalition Forces Land Component Command, Public Affairs

Office—the Army loves acronyms).

I got there the next morning, Tuesday, to learn that journalist embedding had ended the day before. I was dumbfounded. How could I come so far, pay so much money, get so much publicity and not have it happen? I explained the reasons for my delay to the officers present and waited for a few hours.

Finally, an officer came out and told me that they would "take care of me." I felt reborn.

The walls of the tents shake and undulate back and forth like waves and the air smells like dust. The only soldiers I have had a chance to talk to are those from the 318th Public Affairs Detachment in Kuwait City.

They all seem to be highly motivated and are reservists from southern Wisconsin, Indiana and the Chicago area.

There is a good chance I will be sent to another engineer unit soon and will go farther north. I can report more after Thursday morning. There is still an air of uncertainty here.

The soldiers and journalists know what will probably happen in terms of the big picture, but not what will happen specifically to us as individuals, or when.

In my reporting in the next few weeks, I will attempt to describe what life is like for soldiers in my unit—what I see of the war.

Ronald Paul Larson is a columnist for the Daily Titan at California State University-Fullerton. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Dixie Chicks need new name

Entertainment stars have long been known for their outspoken political views, especially in times of war. From Hanoi Jane in the 1970s

COMMENTARY

Maggie Bowden
to Sheryl Crow's T-shirt at the Grammys, stars seldom shy away from making their views known. The Dixie Chicks, led by lead singer Natalie Maines, overstepped the boundaries between political activism and temper tantrum, embarrassing not only their group but also the United States.

Maines announced to a London audience before the Chicks' March 11 concert that, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas." Maines certainly has every right to express her feelings—that's the beauty of a country that guarantees freedom of speech. The real issue lies in exactly what she said and when she said it.

To criticize a U.S. president in the manner Maines did is offensive and childish. The singer refrained from stating any worthwhile opinions or remarks like, "I disagree with the country's current policies on Iraq," or "I wish our President would take more time working diplomatically with Saddam." Rather she made a vague remark simply degrading the president, sounding like a spoiled toddler who is able to hate the kids around them but never able to ex-

plain why.

The fact that her little speech took place in London is an even bigger offense. England is of course the home of Prime Minister Tony Blair—arguably America's biggest and most avid supporter. In times of great crisis—a possible war with Iraq and an ongoing war with terrorism—America needs all the friends it can get. Maines' remark demeans all the work Blair has been doing in his own country to garner support for the United States and makes his job that much harder. The unintelligent chatter of a spoiled American superstar may, unfortunately, be enough to sway some Brits from standing solidly behind their prime minister to doubting their own country's allies and foreign policies. Granted, there is nothing wrong with doubting government officials. Doubt can lead to a change for the better. But Maines needs to think of the ramifications of her little diatribe.

If the British public stops supporting the British government then undeniably the British government will stop supporting America. This may be exactly what Maines wants, but it is certainly not what our country needs. Like it or not, ours is a country at war. There are men and women stationed all over the world today, including Afghanistan, hunting down terrorists, restoring freedoms and ensuring the safety of Americans both home and abroad. It

is a hard, dangerous and lengthy task and with the start of the Iraqi war, the United States cannot bear to lose British support.

This support not only supplies man power and equipment. It also supplies much needed moral support. Blair's unwavering backing of the United States tells soldiers and citizens alike that we are not alone in the fight to end terrorism, and it guarantees some level of safety for the world. We still need Blair and England in our corner, even if it is only to provide one friendly face in the sea of animosity that is the United Nations.

Maines herself acknowledges that what she said was inappropriate. She commented, "As a concerned American citizen, I apologize to President Bush because my remark was disrespectful."

Not only were her remarks uncalled for and tactless, but they were pointless.

Natalie Maines may feel like she did her part on behalf of the anti-war movement. In the end, though, all she really did was make herself look like a fool, eke out a forced apology due to public outcry and alienate all of Dixie. Looks like the group may be in need of a name change.

Maggie Bowden is a columnist for the Cavalier Daily at the University of Virginia. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Lessons from Disney World

Walt Disney World was supposed to be my escape.

Instead of worrying about what to do with the rest of my life after graduation, I was going to revert back to my childhood. It was not the most rational or mature plan.

COMMENTARY



Julie Ann Matonis

But as much as I tried to leave my daily life behind for a Spring Break trip through Fantasyland, reality lurked at every turn.

You're never too old to appreciate Disney World. You can get swept up in the magic of parades, music and rides. But now, 15 years after my last visit with Mickey Mouse, I'm ready to declare the following.

I'm officially old. That revelation didn't make my trip any less exciting, but I certainly learned some other lessons along the way.

First lesson: To some, I appear to be mother material. As I watched the Bengal tigers at Animal Kingdom, I felt a tiny hand grab mine. When I looked down, I met the eyes of a young blonde girl. She didn't seem too upset to see a stranger's face. I, on the other hand, was a little freaked out. At least she didn't call me mommy.

Second lesson: When riding the Monorail, beware of bald eagles. Sitting in the nose of the Monorail provides the perfect view of the tracks ahead.

Imagine my surprise, and that of my friends, when we spotted a bald eagle sitting on the tracks. Luckily the eagle had quick reflexes and wasn't squashed by the fast-moving train. What kind of omen would that be to kill a symbol of patriotism in your first 10 minutes at Disney World?

Third lesson: Cell phone users aren't a danger in vehicles; drivers making balloon animals are. The easiest way to park at Disney World is to take a shuttle. It may not be the safest way. One afternoon, the shuttle driver made balloon animals as he drove back to the hotel. I got a pink poodle.

Thankfully, I also got home alive.

Fourth lesson: Ignoring the news doesn't make you less aware of impending war. Disney World is a possible terrorist target. It's a national landmark. A story in USA Today last week reported that lines were shorter in the parks as more people stayed closer to home.

I observed that firsthand. Parking lots weren't nearly full at the parks and rides for lines didn't stretch endlessly.

Fifth lesson: If you're not satisfied, speak up. This is one time I was glad to be an adult. After an awful experience with one hotel chain, I watched my group of friends band together to demand change. It wasn't just petty grievances, it was serious shortcomings in hotel accommodations for the handicapped. Now that we've left Orlando, we're still trying to make our case by filing complaints with the corporate offices of the hotel.

To conclude with a happy discovery: Mickey Mouse can do the Horned Frog hand sign. That's one smart mouse—and he didn't even ask for an explanation.

So maybe my plan didn't work out the way I wanted, but at least I rediscovered "It's A Small World" after all.

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Ticket money for charity

BY NYSHICKA JORDAN
Staff Reporter

Folk and blues artist Cary Pierce will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium, and all proceeds will be donated to TCU's Up 'Til Dawn.

The concert was proposed last semester by Programming Council as a way to combine charity and entertainment, said Fabian Morice, a junior kinesiology major. He said Pierce was invited to perform because he has a large following in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"It's also an encouragement to go and feel good about where your money is going," Morice said.

Lindsey Watson, a sophomore movement science major, said she was encouraged to go to the concert by a friend and that she likes knowing the proceeds are going to charity.

"I didn't know that the concert was for charity until I decided to go and looked down on my ticket, but I think it's pretty awesome," Watson said.

Shelley Story, assistant dean for Campus Life, said the goal is for PC to donate yearly so that those who do not participate in Up 'Til Dawn can still contribute through proceeds raised from events.

"I am hoping that it will be something that is really successful so that each year we can increase the donations from the year before," Story said.

Trey Doty, adviser for Up 'Til Dawn, said PC's contributions to Up 'Til Dawn has shown growth in the overall charity.

"We've worked with Up 'Til Dawn for the last four years and to see that other organizations come on board to help raise money for the children of St. Jude shows that we have made large strides in the last four years," Doty said.

The concert will also feature local group Commonbond, who are also folk and blues artists, Story said.

Concert tickets are \$5 for students and \$15 for non-students and are available at the Information Desk, by calling (817) 257-FROG or at the door.

Up 'Til Dawn raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Doty said 80 teams have worked to raise \$750 each since October.

A celebration to mark the end of this academic year's fund raising will be Friday in the University Recreation Center and will include such activities as sports tournaments and casino games, Doty said.

He said the activities are designed to keep participants up from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. in order to symbolize what a child in hospital has to endure.

Morice said PC will be making announcements on the radio station 99.5 FM "The Wolf" and KTCU to advertise the concert.

He said interested students can also work as crew members for the concert by calling PC at (817) 257-5633.

"I am hoping that it will be something that is really successful so that each year we can increase the donations from the year before."

— Shelley Story
assistant dean for campus life

Nyshicka Jordan

Ex-convicts comment on system

BY SARAH CHACKO
Staff Reporter

The Community Corrections Forum Thursday night enabled students, faculty and staff to dismiss misconceptions about the probation and parole process from first-hand perspectives, Kelli Stevens, a criminal justice professor and the program coordinator, said.

"Probation and parole are a significant part of the criminal justice system," Stevens said. "And they're the least understood."

Stevens said the forum was intended to give an idea of what community supervision is. The majority of people incorrectly think it is just a slap on the wrist, and not a viable sanction, Stevens said.

The forum presented various facets of community corrections, from a member of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to an ex-offender convicted on drug, assault and weapons charges. Each speaker described their involvement in the corrections process, including programs and tools used to increase success among offender rehabilitation.

Ex-offender Jeff McFatrige now works for Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries. He said his complete turnaround, which he attributed to religion, led him to become a mentor for other offenders. Prison does not teach right from wrong, he said.

"You have to help people realize their potential and purpose," McFatrige said.

Ken McMeen, a parole supervisor for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the two goals of the parole office are to promote public safety and be a positive influence. McMeen said that while it may seem like the media is constantly pointing out cases of people on parole doing heinous crimes, it is actually just a small percentage.

"The people on parole that are successful don't make for interesting reading in the news," McMeen said.

Carol Thompson, the sociology, criminal justice and anthropology department chairwoman, said often the only source of information the community receives concerning criminal justice policy and issues comes from high-profile, media-covered cases.

"These kinds of cases aren't representative of the system or offenders," Thompson said.

Thompson said this type of forum gives students and community members the opportunity to interface with practitioners and offenders about actual conditions and practices in the system.

"It's an all around great setting for information exchange," Thompson said. "The criminal justice system isn't trivialized or vilified in this forum. Rather, it is presented realistically."



Emily Turner/Photographer
Burt Reyna, a member of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, talks to students Thursday night at the Community Corrections Forum, which was hosted by the TCU Criminal Justice Society.

Ashley Lucas, a junior finance major, said the forum gave her a basic understanding of the criminal justice process.

"It's really interesting to see how people are filtered through the system," Lucas said. "Things like where different types of criminals go, like the mentally ill, and what happens to them and how they are monitored."

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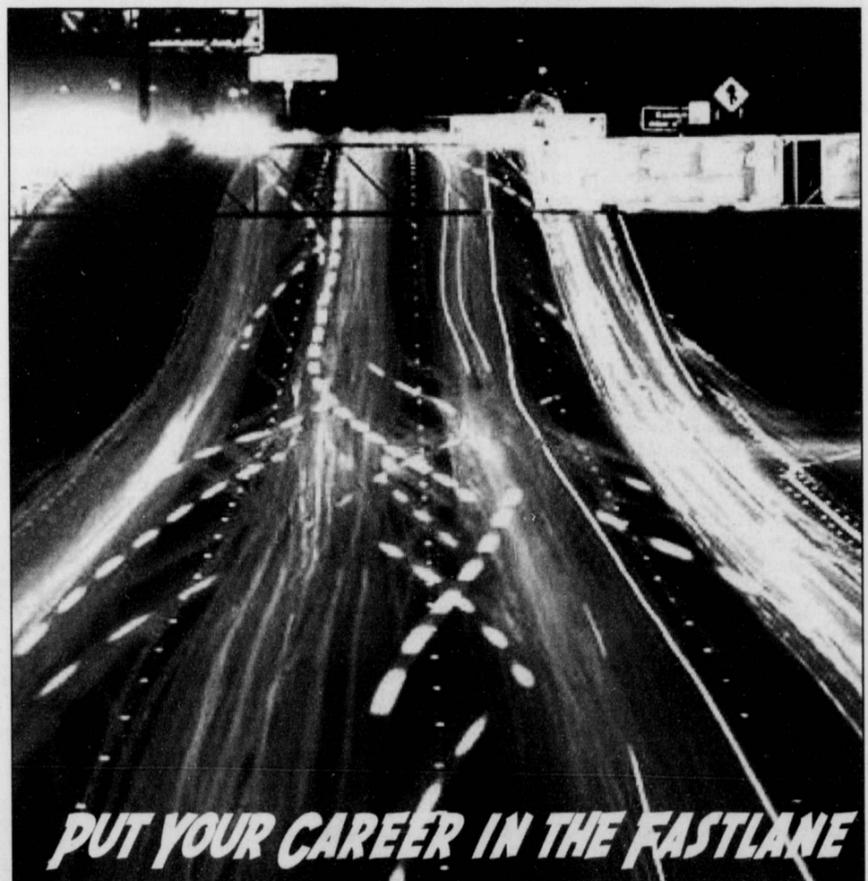


But it wasn't a bar for long. The local Police Department shut down Swifty's Lounge for illegal drug activity. Instead of condemning the property, they contacted their local community coalition. The coalition brought in contractors who donated their time to renovate the building. And the doctor got his hospital to volunteer services for families that need drug counseling.

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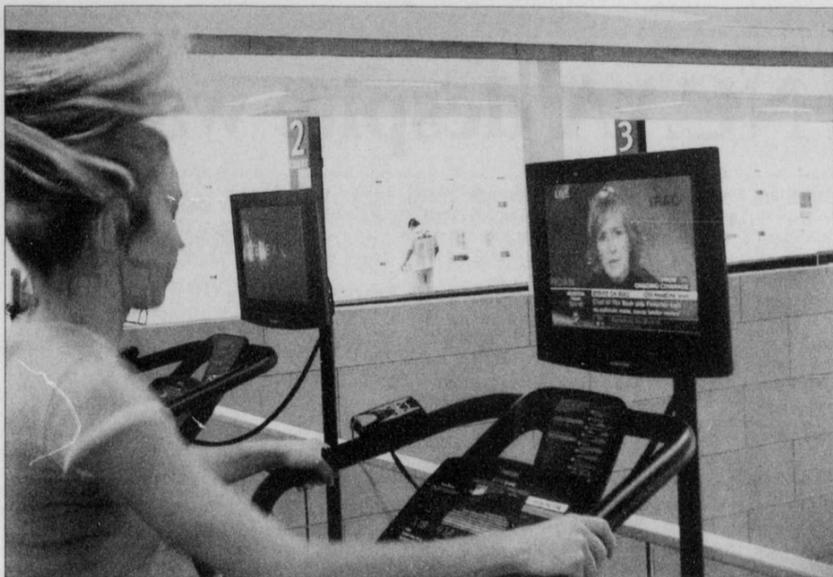
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Workout updates



Abby Kaler, a senior speech major, jogs to the sound of war as she watches the news about Iraq in the University Recreation Center Thursday. *Chris Wilson/Photographer*

Bush: troops performed with bravely

BY RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, leading the nation into war a second time, said U.S. troops had "performed with great skill and great bravery" in the opening hours of an attack against Iraq.

"We're confident we can achieve our objectives," said Bush, commander in chief of 300,000 troops massed in the Persian Gulf.

He spoke at a Cabinet meeting after U.S. officials, dismissing anti-war criticism from abroad, said explosions in Baghdad and U.S. artillery fire on Iraqi troops were a prelude to a massive assault on Iraq, due any time.

In his first public appearance since the war began, Bush did not assess the results nor did he take reporters' questions about the whereabouts of Saddam Hussein.

"There's no question we've sent the finest of our citizens into harm's way," he said. "They performed with great skill and great bravery."

Behind the scenes, White House officials said early reports from the battlefield were encouraging, raising hopes that senior Iraqi leaders may have been captured or killed, perhaps even

— **George W. Bush**
president of the United States

Saddam. While cautioning against speculation, government officials said intelligence information suggested that Iraq's leadership was in disarray after the attacks.

The administration raised doubts about whether television footage of Saddam was authentic. The speaker in the videotape mocked Bush and called the attack a "shameful crime."

"We have reached no conclusion about that tape or who was on the tape or when it was taped," White

House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, in a Pentagon news conference before meeting with Bush, also expressed skepticism about the tape.

Even as heavy detonations and the crackle of anti-aircraft fire rattled Baghdad, the White House said it was not too late for Saddam to seek exile. "It would be a welcome event if Saddam Hussein were still to flee," Fleischer said.

"He brought this on himself." Bush called his Cabinet to the White House for a midafternoon war update. A day after warning Americans that conflict "could be long and more difficult than some expected," he urged his top officials to maintain a focus on his domestic agenda, including education, the economy and Medicare.

Bush planned to leave early Friday afternoon for his customary weekend destination, Camp David.

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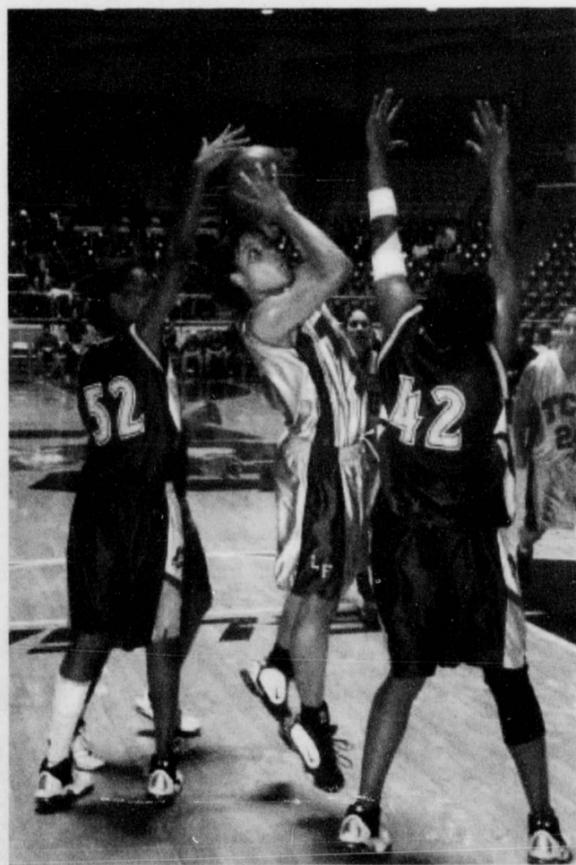
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The Sideline

Frogs, Billikens begin 3-game series in St. Louis

The baseball team will put its 13-11 record on the line against the Saint Louis Billikens (5-7) 7 p.m. today as the teams kick off a three-game road series.

The two teams don't have much of a history. They have only played one three-game series. The Frogs managed to sweep SLU in the three-game series last April.

This is good news for the Frogs, who are looking to snap a two-game skid.

The needed wins won't come easy. SLU has a 4-0 record at home so far this year, whereas TCU is only 2-4 on the road. The Billikens are also coming off a 21-3 victory against Harris-Stowe.

The Billikens have struggled thus far offensively, as they have only managed to produce a team batting average of .267, while their opponents have managed to bat .330.

TCU will look to take advantage of that batting average and improve upon its five-hit performance in its 10-3 loss against the Baylor Bears Tuesday.

After tonight's game, the Frogs will play Saturday and Sunday. Both games will begin at 1 p.m.

— Evan Erwin

Ten athletes honored for their accomplishments

Ten football players have been named All-American Strength and Conditioning Athletes of the Year, according to the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

TCU was represented by football players John Turntine, LaTarence Dunbar, Jared Smitherman, Jamal Powell and Jason Goss; soccer player Lori Robbins; swimmers Erin Irons and Melissa Powell; volleyball player Stephanie Watson; and women's basketball forward Tiffany Evans.

The NSCA All-American Strength and Conditioning Athletes of the Year program recognizes those collegiate athletes whose accomplishments, in the opinion of their strength coach, reflect their dedication to strength training and conditioning. These athletes are also recognized for their academic and personal accomplishments and their integrity as student athletes.

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A-Rod to be back in lineup by Tuesday

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez could be back in the spring lineup as early as this weekend, but by Tuesday at the latest, team officials said Thursday.

"Every day he is doing better," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said during batting practice.

Team focused on NCAA despite war



Ty Halasz/Photo editor
Junior guard Ebony Shaw looks to score against South Florida earlier in the season. The Lady Frogs will take on Michigan State in NCAA tournament action at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

BY DREW IRWIN
Skiff Staff

Despite the outbreak of war and heightened security, the women's basketball team is not worried about leaving today to play in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Storrs, Conn.

"Safety is always a concern," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "But I think it's good that the tournament will be played."

The NCAA announced this week that the NCAA tournament will continue as scheduled.

NCAA officials met with the Department of Homeland Security and decided that there was not enough reason to postpone the tournament.

Mittie said he is comfortable with what came out of the meeting. He said the tournament will have extra security at airports and the individual arenas themselves.

"It's just basketball," Mittie said. "Everyone is thinking about our troops in Iraq. We

just feel fortunate to play, and I'm glad that it will continue."

Mittie said the military members are happy with the decision for the tournament to continue. He said sports can act as an important diversion for the troops during times of war.

"There's a little fear, but I feel safe," sophomore forward Niki Newton said. "I'm not going to worry too much about it."

The women's NCAA tournament begins Saturday. The ninth-seeded Lady Frogs will play against eighth-seeded Michigan State Sunday. For the third year in a row, TCU will be facing a team from the Big Ten Conference in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. With a win, the team has a chance to advance past a Big Ten team for the third straight season.

"I think it's unusual that we've matched up against (the Big Ten) three-straight years," Mittie said. "But they've all been different games, and we've just found a way to win those games. And hopefully we can do it again."

Much like TCU, Michigan State is a balanced team. It has five players who average 10 points a game for the season.

"They have very balanced scoring," Mittie said. "We just want to make it a full-court game so that we can utilize our depth and try to wear their players down."

Spartan forward Syreeta Bromfield averaged a team-high 14.6 points a game for the season and scored 30 points against Kent State in December.

"We're going to play a variety of people on her like we do with all good scorers," Mittie said. "But we're just going to get good guard pressure and try to stay with team defense."

On paper, it appears that the Lady Frogs are a much larger team than Michigan State. The Spartans have only four players at 6 feet or taller, while the Lady Frogs have seven.

"One of our strengths this year has been our inside game," junior forward Tracy Wynn said. "We just need to keep with that, and try to use that to our advantage."

Another advantage the Lady Frogs have is depth. Newton said the team's substitution

system has helped them at the end of games.

"I think we have an advantage because we're a deep team," Newton said. "A lot of teams don't have that, and it lets us run them down."

Although Michigan State lost its first game of the Big Ten Tournament, the Spartans won 10 of their last 14 games before losing to Ohio State in the conference tournament.

And while the Spartans' season ended with a loss, TCU's season ended strongly. The Lady Frogs won nine of their last 10 games, including four wins in four days to win the conference tournament against Cincinnati March 9.

Newton said the excitement from winning the tournament hasn't died down in the team's week off.

"The excitement is still beyond recognition," Newton said. "The closer (the tournament) gets, the more excited we get."

Even though the team has been to the tournament the last three seasons, Newton said she is just as excited this season as she was when she went for the first time last season.

"Going back is just an amazing feeling," Newton said. "Just walking onto the court last year was great, and you just thank God you're there."

Sunday's game will start at about 1:30 p.m., 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Boston University/Connecticut game. The winners of those two games will face off against each other Tuesday.

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Despite conflict, sales steady for NCAA tourney games

BY BRADEN HOWELL
Staff Reporter

A war with Iraq and concerns of safety have had little affect on fans wishing to see the Lady Frogs make their third straight appearance in the NCAA tournament, Assistant Marketing Director Jason Booker said.

Booker said TCU sold out of the 100 allotted tickets soon after they went on sale Monday afternoon. He said the game against Michigan State, which takes place Sunday at the University of Connecticut's 10,027 seat Harry A. Gampel Pavilion, is also sold out.

"It's good to see people still want to go to the games in times like this," Booker said.

Lady Frog fans with tickets to the game, such as TCU alumna Amanda Fulton, say the war with Iraq is not a factor in deciding whether or not to attend the game.

"I really haven't thought much about the war as far as going to the game is concerned," Fulton said. "The only reason I wouldn't go is if I can't find anyone to go with me."

The Lady Frogs and fans will also be able to enjoy the company of the TCU cheerleaders and band while in Connecticut.

The war has not affected travel plans for the 26 band members and 12 cheerleaders scheduled to leave Saturday morning, cheerleading head coach Jeff Tucker said. Tucker added that travel plans could still change depending on what happens.

"Anything's possible," Tucker said. "Something could change as late as Friday."

Ross Grant, assistant director of bands, said although the war has not affected travel plans to Connecticut, it has altered the bands plans to make additional trips while in the area. Grant said the band was planning to take a trip to New York City Monday, should the Lady Frogs win Sunday, but have changed those plans.

"We were planning on going to New York because a bunch of the (students) have never been, but we decided that right now it's not a good idea to go to New York City just to visit," Grant said.

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Frogs start outdoor season

Teams not fearful of travel during outbreak of war

BY SHELLI MANCHACA
Skiff Staff

As the men's and women's track teams bus to Waco this weekend to begin their outdoor season, unease looms as the United States continues to fight in Iraq. However, the teams do not seem worried.

The safety of TCU's athletes is always a concern during their travel, but head coach Monte Stratton said he does not have increased apprehension with the start of the outdoor season occurring at the same time of war.

He said the morale of the team is high.

"We will do what we can do to help and support one another during this time if the need arises, but I do not foresee any challenges right now," Stratton said. "Our team is focused and our players are ready to do what they do best no matter what difficulties may lay ahead."

The Frogs will compete in the Dr Pepper Invitational hosted by Baylor University at the Hart/Patterson Track Complex in Waco beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. Teams such as Baylor, Southwest Texas State, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Wichita State are scheduled to compete against the Frogs as they try to clinch an important first victory in the outdoor season. The men's team is trying to defend its Conference USA title.

Stratton said he feels positive about this weekend's meet and

the competition that lies ahead.

"We always have high expectations going into a new season, and we aspire to reach those expectations every meet."

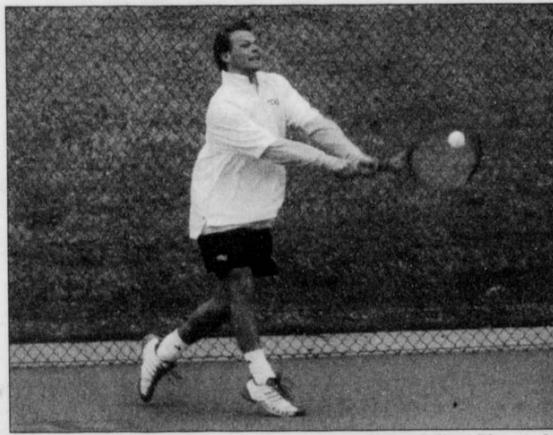
This year the NCAA has implemented new qualification criteria making it harder for teams and individuals to qualify for the NCAA National meet at the end of the season. Teams will qualify mainly on their performances at one of four regional meets.

Stratton said the NCAA change will not affect the overall performance of the Frogs.

"The talent and dedication of our team makes me confident that the changes made will not make much of a difference at where we stand now and in the future," he said.

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Conference 'Shocker'



Stephen Spillman/Photographer
Freshman Jacopo Tezza (above) hits a backhand baseline shot Thursday afternoon as the 35th-ranked men's tennis team defeated the Wichita State Shockers, 5-2, at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. Wind and colder temperatures didn't stop the Frogs from beating the unranked Shockers. The Frogs won the doubles point and took four of six singles matches. TCU took the first two doubles matches. TCU sophomore Fabrizio Sestini defeated Leonardo Ramirez of WSU 6-4; 6-2.

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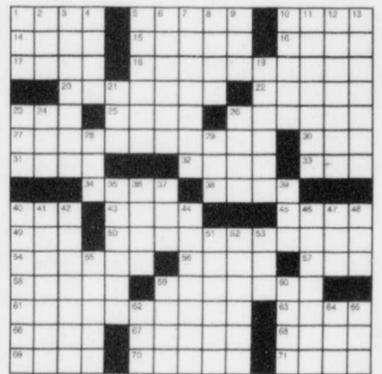
Q: Were you surprised when the United States attacked Iraq Wednesday night?

A: YES 9 NO 91

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Today's Crossword

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10 ... the line (obeyed)
14 Actress Natalie
15 Set of beliefs
16 Owl
17 Breathing organ
18 Social investigator
20 St. Ignatius of Loyola's order
22 Lab dish
23 Rattle bird
25 Bear in the sky
26 Eyed lewdly
27 Chang or Eng
30 Map dir.
31 Sheet of glass
32 Lesson
33 "Star Trek" extras?
34 Into the sunset
38 Nimble
40 High times
43 Sch. sports org.
45 Propped open
49 Share
50 Lieberman to Gore
54 Early round, briefly
56 Large splash
57 Gender
58 Meat jelly
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61 International city
63 Stringed instrument
66 Round handle
67 Staring intently
68 Scuttlebutt
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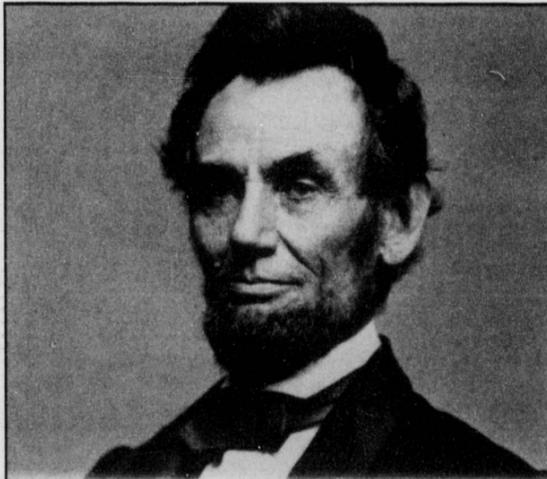
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PROTESTERS CRY 'PATIENCE, 'O BUSH'

Meanwhile, allies stand by U.S. war efforts

BY ROBERT BARR
Associated Press

The first shots of war set off global protests on the streets and drew dismayed responses from world leaders Thursday. President Bush's allies stood firmly by him as U.S. flags burned from Berlin to Bangladesh.

A world woven together by satellite TV watched the opening of the war, and responses ranged from gasoline hoarding in Katmandu to cheers for Saddam Hussein in Kashmir.

"The wrong decision has been taken," said German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder in a televised address. "The war has begun. It must be ended as quickly as possible."

Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, whose country backs Bush, said, "The threat of terrorism is a fact. The world bears the joint responsibility and should show solidarity in fighting terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction."

Cairo demonstrators chanted "Patience, patience, 'O Bush, tomorrow the Muslims will dig your grave" while police used water cannons to keep them away from the U.S. Embassy.

Oil prices jumped Thursday — from \$25.53 a barrel to \$27.35 a barrel in London — on reports that oil wells in southern Iraq were sabotaged and burning.

Britain and Australia, the only nations to commit a significant number of troops to the United States' effort, resolutely stuck by Washington.

Protesters banged pots in Manila and daubed "Bush, your empire will eventually crumble" on walls in Caracas. They trashed a McDonald's restaurant in the Montparnasse district of Paris. They stoned the U.S. Embassy in Brussels and threw bricks and eggs at a local party office of Spanish Prime Minister and Bush ally, Jose Maria Aznar. In Srinagar,

"Patience, patience, 'O Bush, tomorrow the Muslims will dig your grave."

— Cairo demonstrators

the capital of heavily Muslim Kashmir, schoolboys watched television footage of explosions in Baghdad and cheered when Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appeared.

"Stupid war, mindless violence," said a placard in a sea of 50,000 anti-war demonstrators converging on Berlin's Brandenburg Gate.

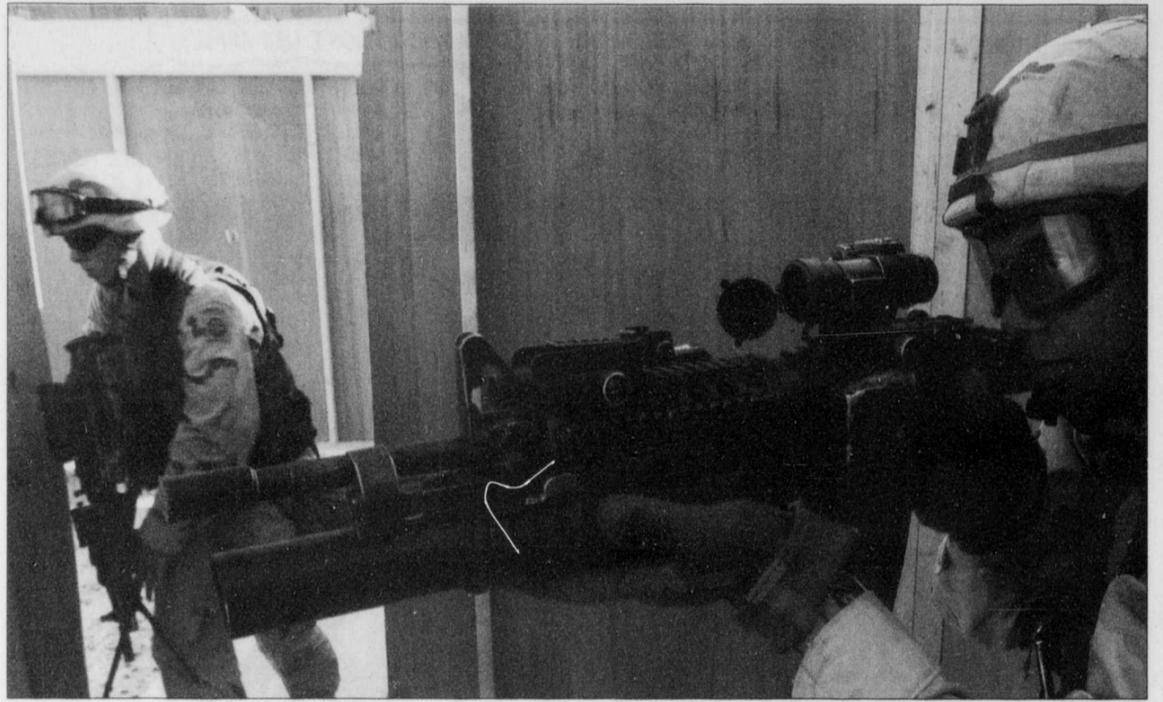
For a few, especially Iraqi exiles, the start of war promised better times for Iraq.

In Cairo, Faisal Fikri excitedly channel-surfed for images of the first explosions in Baghdad.

It was "the moment I have been waiting for all my life — to see the despot gone," said Fikri, who left Iraq in 1970.

In Sydney, Australia, protesters snarled traffic holding up signs saying "Disarm USA too." At one point, three Iraqi Kurds pushed to the front of the rally, holding up pictures of a chemical weapons attack on the Kurdish town of Halabja in 1988.

No longer practicing



Jim Barcus/Kansas City Star

Urban Tactical training continued at Champion Main in Kuwait. Soldiers of 1st Battalion 325 AIR of the 82nd Airborne attacked a mock structure to prepare for possible urban warfare inside of Iraq.

Conflict hits home for international students

Students worry about families; war opinions differ

BY JACQUE NGUYEN
Staff Reporter

In the midst of controversy surrounding the recent U.S. strikes in Iraq, international students are in the position to provide unique perspectives on the war between the two nations.

Moe Sayyed, a senior speech communication and English major who was born in Alexandria, Egypt, said he agrees with the decision the United States has made to attack Saddam Hussein's forces.

"The (U.S.) troops are fighting for the cause of liberating a group of people," Sayyed said. "They are removing a threat to world peace."

Sayyed said he and his parents have been trying to keep in touch with his family members through phone calls, but their attempts have failed because of busy lines or failed connections. He said most of their correspondence is now through e-mail.

However, freshman engineering major Priya Chandy said she is against the war and that her main concerns are the potential difficulties created by the war in traveling back to the United Arab Emirates, where her family lives. In spite of this, Chandy is not too worried about the safety of her family.

"My family is not in much danger and there have been no direct effects toward them by the war," Chandy said.

Tahira Hussain, a senior political science major, said she is against the war because her main concern is her

family in Saudi Arabia.

"No one knows what's going to happen and I can't say what's going to happen," Hussain said.

Niha Eapen, a sophomore fashion merchandising major from India, said that in an ideal world, war is not the answer, but that this war will be proven effective if President George W. Bush keeps his promise to restore peace to the Middle East.

"It's about time somebody did something," Eapen said. "It's action that matters, not talk."

Claudia Angenendt, an MBA student from Germany, said she agrees that someone had to fight against Hussein and disagrees with the German government's stance on the war.

"I partly blame Chancellor (Gerhard) Schroeder for the fact that war became necessary," Angenendt said. "Experts say if the German government had stated earlier that they sup-

port the U.S. threat against Iraq, Saddam Hussein might have felt pressured enough to give up and a war might've been avoidable."

But Angenendt did say she is worried about Bush's foreign policy.

"The (United States) is clearly a world power and I appreciate Bush's effort to keep peace in the world, but sometimes I am a little afraid that he tries to mess with too many affairs at once," she said.

Deepa Kalpathy-Narayanan, an MBA student from India, said she is just glad action is being taken.

"Sept. 11 meant more injury to a bleeding economy," Kalpathy-Narayanan said. "It appears as if the (United States) has come to a standstill with no decisions — economic, social, political or business — being made."

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5. Hand-operated turret crank rotates turret if power is lost

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3. Loader: Loads rounds into cannon, fires 7.62 mm machine gun
4. Commander: Fires 12.7 mm machine gun, locates targets, orders gunner to fire, navigates

Armor in battle
Often deployed in combat as part of a tank force, a mix of armored and infantry

- Company in tank force: One tank platoon replaced by an infantry platoon
- Battalion in tank force: One tank company replaced by an infantry company

Where a tank crew fits in
Organization of Army armored units

Tank platoon	18
Tank company	60+
Tank battalion	650+
Tank brigade	1,775

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ARMY: M1A1 battle tank. © 2003 USAP. Source: U.S. Army. Graphic: Pat Stan, Mike Walters.

NewsBriefs

Peace Action plans protests in response to Iraq war

A TCU Peace Action member, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the group plans to wear and pass out black armbands today in protest of the war.

He said the group also plans to host a "deadened day" today at Reed-Sadler Mall. Members will paint their faces white and pretend they have been killed.

No other activities have been scheduled for this week, he said. However, he said that early next week the group plans to host either a protest or a demonstration.

He said a "coffee hour" will also take place Thursday, allowing the TCU community to discuss their feelings, thoughts and fears about the decision to go to war.

— Brent Yarina

Into flight



Steve Helber/Associated Press

An F-14A Tomcat is launched off the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk in the Gulf, Thursday. The war's opening salvos were aimed directly at Iraq's leaders, including Saddam Hussein.

Threat of impending terrorist strikes leads to intensified domestic security

BY IL JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal agencies increased inspections at borders and for food supply, put nuclear plants on heightened alert and stepped up the search for possible Iraqi terrorist " sleeper cells" in a move to war footing Thursday.

As the U.S. assault on Iraq intensified, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge told members of Congress that there had been no incidents in the United States in retaliation.

He said the "code orange" alert status imposed this week would stay in effect.

FBI agents, in an attempt to head off possible retaliation for the war, began fanning out across the country to interview thousands of people born in Iraq, the agency said. The FBI also said it also wanted to try to prevent hate crimes against people of Iraqi heritage.

The FBI's 56 bureaus were put on around-the-clock operation.

"We are running down every lead, responding to every threat," Director Robert Mueller said.

Federal meat and poultry inspectors, in their routine inspections, began testing for chemical or biological agents that terrorists might use, said

Jesse Majkowsky, head of the Agriculture Department's food security office.

The Food and Drug Administration increased testing for such potential agents in products it analyzes, agency officials said. The Centers for Disease Control was keeping a lookout in case doctors notice any unusual outbreak of diseases or symptoms associated with those agents.

On Capitol Hill, some congressional hearings were canceled or their agendas abbreviated as lawmakers focused on the war.

At one hearing, senators were told that the government had stepped up its inspections of cargo vessels com-

ing into the United States because of continued worries terrorists might use them to bring in a radioactive "dirty bomb" or other explosive.

But Asa Hutchinson, Homeland Security's undersecretary for border and transportation security, acknowledged that the country remains vulnerable because more than 6 million cargo containers arrive in America every year and not all of them can be checked. U.S. officials want to improve cooperation with major foreign ports to more clearly pin down what is being shipped.

An additional 125 border guards were sent to the Canadian border to strengthen security and help traffic

flow, although officials said they had no specific threat involving the northern border crossings.

Inspectors are doing more searches of vehicles and cargo and asking travelers more questions at the 300 border-crossing points, airports and seaports, said Robert Bonner, commissioner of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

More than a half-dozen states have moved National Guard troops to nuclear power plants, according to an industry survey. Additional security measures were implemented at reactor sites when the national threat level was raised to code orange late Monday.

ABROAD

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are held) was secure," she said.

London has had a constant threat of terrorism for years, so this situation is not new, Sohmer said.

"Security precautions are much more integrated into daily life in London," she said.

Outside of London, TCU's Study Abroad programs have been on a heightened awareness level all semester, Williams said. She said the individual program directors have emergency plans in place.

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